

REMARKS

The foregoing amendments are submitted in response to the above-identified advisory action to place the application in condition for allowance. All of the amendments made herein combine claims considered to contain allowable subject matter by the Examiner with claims from which they previously depended. More specifically, the limitations of claim 3 have been added to claim 1; the limitations of claim 1 have been added to claim 4; the limitations of claim 1 have been added to claim 5; and the limitations of claim 25 have been added to claim 23. Resultingly, claims 1, 2, 4-11, 13-19, 21-23, 24, 26, 27 and 30-33 are now in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

As was alluded to above, this amendment is submitted within the three-month shortened statutory period for response set in the Final Office Action mailed on November 4, 2004 and therefore requires no extension of time.

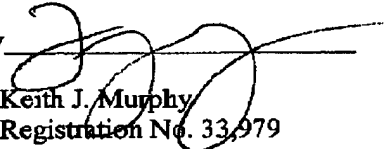
In the event the Examiner has any queries regarding the instantly submitted response, the undersigned respectfully requests the courtesy of a telephone conference to discuss any matters in need of attention.

If there are additional charges with respect to this matter or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

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